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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Proposed Telecom Circular

*Comm. 22-0*

1. This memorandum contains in paragraph four a recommendation for your approval.

2. Mr. James D. O'Connell, Director Telecommunications Management and Special Assistant to the President for Telecommunications, by letter dated October 24 (Attachment 1) requested concurrence or comment on an attached proposed government-wide Circular on arrangements for Telecommunications leases and facilities. The proposed Circular, as we understand it, is aimed at a real problem. A number of arrangements have been concluded with foreign governments which are restricted in application to a particular U. S. Government department or agency. For example, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has arrangements for leased telecommunications circuits in overseas countries which preclude the use of the circuits for any but NASA clear text communications. Thus, no Department of State, Department of Defense (DOD) or CIA traffic can be handled by NASA over its circuits from [Redacted Box] to the United States. Also, we know that under at least some Status of Forces agreements, the DOD communications circuits are technically illegal if allocated to use by non-DOD elements such as the Department of State. The German Government has raised this question in connection with some circuits into the Embassy in Bonn which utilize the military trunk system for segments beyond Germany. We, therefore, favor the proposal that leases and agreements should use the broad identity "U.S. Government" rather than being restricted to a specific department or agency.

3. We believe that three changes should be made in the proposed Circular. These are identified in the proposed draft reply, (Attachment 2). Behind the first is a desire to avoid publication of words such as "fully shared use of all NCS facilities." The other two proposed changes are explained in the draft reply.

4. It is recommended that the attached proposed reply be forwarded to Mr. O'Connell.

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Director of Communications

2 Atts

Att 1: Ltr fm DTM to DCI

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Att 2: Proposed reply fm CIA to DTM

CONCUR:

SIGNED R. I. Bannerman

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